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Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

I am writing to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

As a major-party-voting, middle-class mother of two young boys, I must insist that the FCC fulfill its role as regulator of consolidating forces in broadcast industries, restricting trends such as vertical integration and local monopolies that result in fewer discrete sources of information.

My family and I have already been victims of reduced choice in radio since ownership restrictions on that medium were removed several years ago; and I fear for the quality of informed democratic discourse should similar laxity prevail in the oversight of print and television media.

Sincerely,

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MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

I am writing to you today regarding Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review  
of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

Already, too few corporations own our country's media outlets. This nation  
was founded on the voices of many, not the few, and it is the  
responsibility of all of us to ensure all of those voices continue to be  
heard. It is in the public's interest and it is the public's right.

In a free society such as ours, it is absolutely critical to retain the  
current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest  
requirements.

To imagine a society in which fewer corporations control the media  
outlets, the way in which we receive information and exactly what  
information we receive is unimaginable. As a worst case scenario, imagine  
if the producers of the show "Cops" or "Jerry Springer" controlled content  
in all or most television shows. What we see would be exactly the same  
base material, produced in exactly the same way.

That is, of course, a very extreme example. News media, in general, is  
more responsible than that, although there are countless examples of  
lapses in judgement. The example though is no more extreme than what I  
imagine would happen if restrictions are removed for corporate ownership  
of the media.

Please act now to keep our current media ownership rules and make them  
tougher. We will all profit in the end.

One public hearing is not enough. Please encourage the Commission to hold  
hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible  
participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by  
the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

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I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

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I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I should think by now the perils of deregulation would be obvious. The studies commissioned by the FCC don't accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had. The spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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